# SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Release of Code Enforcement Lien – Case No. 08-08-CEB – Nancy Foy, previous owner and Countrywide Home Loans, current owners, 701 Coach Light Drive, Fern Park

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Development **DIVISION:** Planning

AUTHORIZED BY: <u>Dori DeBord</u> CONTACT: <u>Carolyn Jane Spencer</u> EXT: <u>7403</u>

#### MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Release of Lien in the amount of \$12,000.00, Case No. 08-08-CEB, on 701 Coach Light Drive, Fern Drive, Tax Parcel # 20-21-30-526-0A00-0260, previously owned by Nancy Foy, and currently owned by Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., and authorize the Chairman to execute a Release of Lien.

District 4 Carlton D. Henley

Tina Williamson

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In response to a complaint, on September 10, 2007, the Code Enforcement Officer observed the following violations located at 701 Coach Light Drive, Fern Park: Uncultivated vegetation in excess of 24" in height and located within 75' from any structure; stagnant or foul water in a swimming or wading pool; fences not maintained in their original upright condition and fencing missing boards, pickets, posts or bricks in violation of Seminole County Code, Chapter 95, Section 95.4, as defined in Section 95.3 (h) and (n) and Seminole County Land Development Code, Chapter 30, Section 30.1349 (e) and (g).

The timeline up until compliance on these violations is below:

DATE	ACTION	RESULT
November 16, 2007	Statement of Violation and Request for Hearing.	Filed by Code Enforcement Officer.
December 21, 2007	Notice of Hearing mailed to Respondents.	Certified mail returned.
January 24, 2008	Code Board Hearing – Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.	Order entered by Code Enforcement Board giving a compliance date of February 8, 2002 with a fine of \$150.00 per day if violations are not corrected.
February 12, 2008	Affidavit of Non-Compliance filed by the Code Enforcement Officer after reinspection on February 11, 2008 with a Notice of Hearing of March 27, 2008 to impose a lien for \$7,200.00	Violations still remain.  Certified mail returned.
March 6, 2008	Received telephone call from Realtor stating that ownership of the property had changed to Countrywide Home Loans	
March 6, 2008	Letter sent to Countrywide making them aware of the existing code	

	case and Notice of Hearing for April 17, 2008 to impose a lien	Hoyos.
April 17, 2008	Code Board Hearing – Order imposing lien issued by Code Enforcement Board.	Order entered by the Code Enforcement Board imposing lien of \$10,350.00 and still accruing at \$150.00 per day.
April 22, 2008	Courtesy letter enclosing the Order imposing the lien sent to Countrywide Home Loans	Certified mail receipt dated April 28, 2008 returned to Clerk stamped by Andres Florv.
April 29, 2008	Affidavit of Compliance filed by the Code Enforcement Officer after reinspection on April 29, 2008.	Violations corrected.
September 19, 2008	Request for Reduction received	
October 2, 2008	Since Certificate of Title to Countrywide was issued before the Findings of Fact, the file was sent to the County Attorney's Office for an opinion as to the validity of lien.	The County Attorney's Office recommended releasing the lien since Countrywide purchased the property without notice of the code violations and prior to the initial hearing.

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#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the Release of Lien in the amount of \$12,000.00, Code Enforcement Board Case #08-08-CEB, on 701 Coach Light Drive, Fern Drive, Tax Parcel # 20-21-30-526-0A00-0260, previously owned by Nancy Foy, and currently owned by Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., and authorize the Chairman to execute a Release of Lien.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Findings And Order
- 2. Affidavit Of Non Compliance
- 3. Order Imposing Lien
- 4. Affidavit Of Compliance
- 5. Certificate of Title
- 6. Property Appraiser Data
- 7. Property Appraiser Data
- 8. Opinion from County Attorney's Office
- 9. Release of Lien

Additionally Reviewed By:

County Attorney Review ( Melissa Clarke )

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MARYANNE MORSE, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT SEMINOLE COUNTY

## CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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**SEMINOLE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida,

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Petitioner,

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VS.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD SEMINQLE COUNTY FL

NANCY FOY PARCEL I.D. NO – 20-21-30-526-0A00-0260

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Respondent.

BY:

### FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Based on the testimony and evidence presented in case number 08-08-CEB, it is determined that the Respondent is:

(a) the owner of record of the property (Tax Parcel ID # 20-21-30-526-0A00-0260) located at 701 Coach Light Drive, Fern Park, located in Seminole County and legally described as follows:

### LEG LOT 26 BLK A COACH LIGHT ESTATES PB 21 PGS 30 & 31

(b) in possession or control of the property, and

in violation of Seminole County Code, Chapter 95, Section 95.4, as defined in Section 95.3 (h) and (n) and Seminole County Land Development Code, Chapter 30, Section 30.1349 (e) and (g)

It is hereby ordered that the Respondent shall correct the violations on or before February 8, 200 &. In order to correct the violations, the Respondent shall take the following remedial action:

- 1) REMOVE THE UNCULTIVATED VEGETATION IN EXCESS OF 24" IN HEIGHT AND LOCATED WITHIN 75' FROM ANY STRUCTURE
- 2) REMOVE STAGNANT OR FOUL WATER FROM SWIMMING OR WADING POOL
- 3) RESTORE FENCE TO ITS ORIGINAL UPRIGHT CONDITION AS DESIGNED
- 4) RESTORE FENCE OR WALL TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION AS DESIGNED

The Respondents are further ordered to contact the Seminole County Code Officer to arrange for an inspection of the property to verify compliance. Any fine imposed shall continue to accrue until the Code Officer inspects the property and verifies compliance with this Order.

This Order shall be recorded in the official land records of Seminole County.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this 24th day of January 2008, in Seminole County, Florida.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

TOM HAGOOD, CHAIR

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of January 2008, by Tom Hagood, who is personally known to me.

Jane Spencer

Notary Public to and for the

County and State aforementioned.

My Commission Expires



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SEMINOLE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

Petitioner.

VS.

**NANCY FOY** 

Respondent.

09 1 **CASE NO: 08-08-CEB** 

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CLERK OF THE

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD SEMINOLE COUNTY

BY:

### AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COMPLIAN

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Dorothy Hird Code Enforcement Officer, for Seminole County Sheriff's Office, who after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- That on January 24, 2008, the Board held a public hearing and issued its Order in the above-styled matter.
- 2. That, pursuant to said Order, Respondent was to have taken certain corrective action by or before February 8, 2008.
- 3. That a re-inspection was performed on February 11, 2008.
- That the re-inspection revealed that the corrective action ordered by the Board has not been taken in that the uncultivated vegetation in excess of 24" in height and within 75' of a structure and the stagnant or foul water in the swimming pool remains. The fence has not been restored to its original upright condition or to its original condition.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT. DATED this 12th day of FEBRUARY 2008.

**Dorothy Hird, Code Enforcement Officer** 

STATE OF FLORIDA) COUNTY OF SEMINOLE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 12th day of February 2008, by Dorothy Hird, who is personally known to me and who did take an oath.

Notary Public in and for the County

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SEMINOLE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

Petitioner.

vs.

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. PARCEL I.D. NO - # 20-21-30-526-0A00-0260

Respondent.

**CERTIFIED COPY** 

**CLERK OF THE** 

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FL BY:

## ORDER FINDING NON-COMPLIANCE AND IMPOSING FINE/LIEN

The Respondent is the owner of record of the property (Tax Parcel ID # 20-21-30-526-0A00-0260) located at 701 Coach Light Drive, Fern Park, located in Seminole County and legally described as follows:

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This case came on for public hearing before the Code Enforcement Board of Seminole County on January 24, 2008, after due notice to the Respondent. The Board, having heard testimony under oath and having received evidence, issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

Said Order found Respondent in violation of Seminole County Code, Chapter 95, Section 95.4, as defined in Section 95.3 (h) and (n) and Seminole County Land Development Code, Chapter 30, Section 30.1349 (e) and (g).

Said Order stated that a fine in the amount of \$150.00 per day would be imposed if the Respondent did not take certain corrective action by February 8, 2008.

An Affidavit of Non-Compliance had been filed by the Code Enforcement Officer. which Affidavit certified under oath that the required action had not been obtained after reinspection on February 11, 2008.

Accordingly, it having been brought to the Board's attention that Respondent has not complied with the Order dated January 24, 2008, the Board orders that a lien in the amount of \$10,350.00 for 69 days of non-compliance at \$150.00 per day, from February 9, 2008 through and including April 17, 2008, be imposed; and the fine shall continue to accrue at \$150.00 per day for each day the violations continue or are repeated past April 17, 2008.

This Order shall be recorded in the official land records of Seminole County and shall constitute a **lien** against the land on which the violations exist and upon any other real or personal property owned by the Respondent.

DONE AND ORDERED this 17th day of April 2008, in Seminole County, Florida.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

TOM HAGOOD, CHAIR

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 17th day of April 2008, by Tom Hagood, who is personally known to me.

Connie R. DeVasto

Notary Public to and for the

County and State aforementioned.

My Commission Expires



#### CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SEMINOLE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

Case No. 08-08-CEB

Petitioner,

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Respondent.

CERTIFIED COPY CLERK OF THE CODE ENFORCEMEN SEMINOLE

#### AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Dorothy Hird, Code Enforcement Officer, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. That on January 24 2008, the Board held a public hearing and issued its Order in the above-styled matter.
- 2. That, pursuant to said Order, Respondent was to have taken certain corrective action by or before February 8, 2008.
- 3. That a re-inspection was performed and the Respondent was in compliance on April 29. 2008.
- 4. That the re-inspection revealed that the corrective action ordered by the Board has been taken in that the uncultivated vegetation in excess of 24" in height and the stagnant or foul water in the swimming or wading pool has been removed and the fence has been restored to its original upright condition.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

DATED this 29th day of APRIL 2008.

Dorothy Hird, Code Enforcement Officer

STATE OF FLORIDA) **COUNTY OF SEMINOLE)** 

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of April 2008, by Dorothy Hird, who is personally known to me and who did take an oath.

> Notary Public in and for the County and State Aforementioned

My commission expires:



Notary Public State of Florida My Commission DD746252

CMPLAFF.CEB

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. FOR THE GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION BENEFIT OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, Case No. 07-CA-509-14-G Plaintiff, VS. NANCY ct al .. CERTIFICATE OF TITLE Defendants. MARYANNE MORSE, Clerk of the CIRCUIT COURT, certifies that a Certificate of Sale has been filed in this action on for the property described herein and that no objections to the sale have been filed with the time allowed for filing objections. The following property in SEMINOLE County, Florida: Lot 26, in Block A, of CACHLIGHT ESTATES, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 21, at Page 30 & 3K, of the Public Records of Seminole County, Florida. was sold to COUNTRYWIDE HOME TOAKS, INC. FOR THE BENEFIT OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK. Witness my hand and seal of the Court MARYANNE MORSE Clerk, Circuit Court copies furnished to: ERIC M. MYERS, ESQUIRE ORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION ADORNO & YOSS LLP KSTBMS, INC. 2525 Ponce De Leon Boulevard c/00 T CORPORATION SYSTEMS, R.A. Suite 400 200 S. Pine Island Road Miami, Florida 33134 antation, Florida 33324 (305) 460-1100 thomas/b/slaten, jr., esq. Counse Lear COACH LIGHT ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, IN

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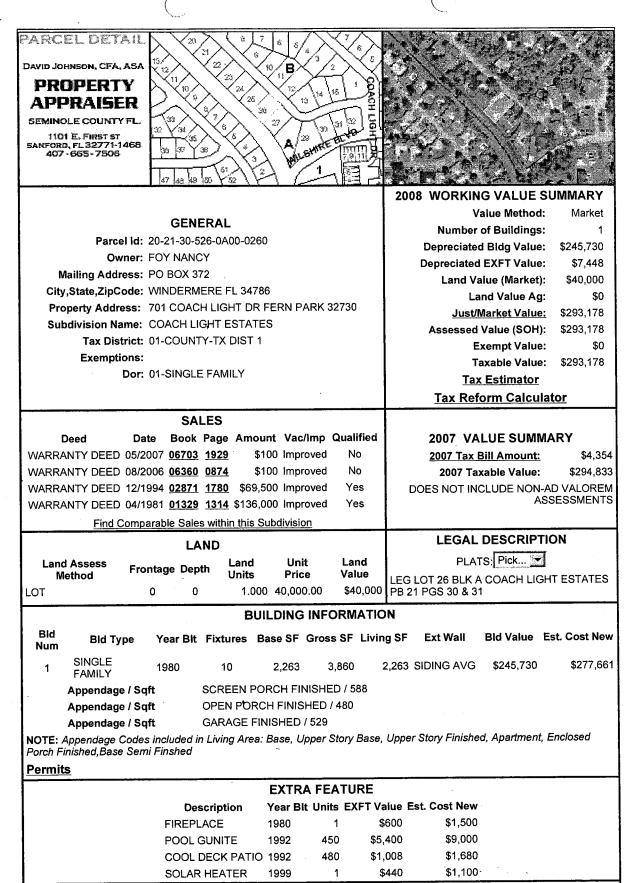
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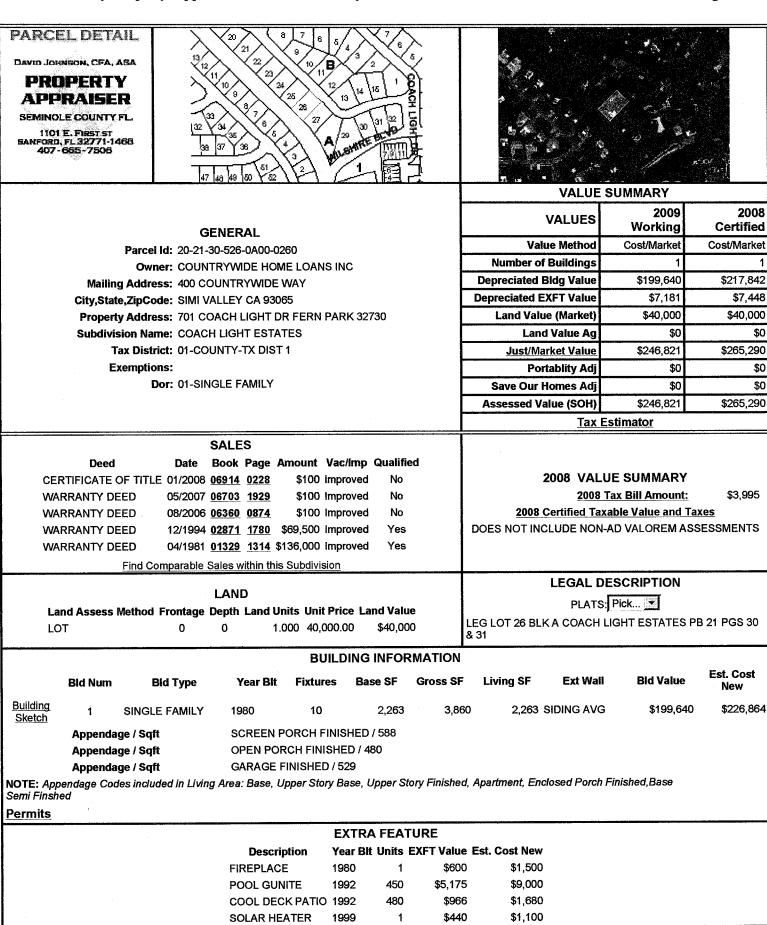
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## COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Alison Stettner, Planning Manager

FROM:

Melissa Clarke, Assistant County Attorney

DATE:

October 27, 2008

Subject:

Nancy Foye

Parcel I.D # 20-21-30-526-0A00-0260

In your request for Opinion, received in this office on October 14, 2008, you asked whether there was a valid lien on the above referenced property. In this particular case, the Property was sold to the current owner, Countrywide, on January 22, 2008. The County recorded the first document in this case, the Code Board's Findings of Fact on January 24, 2008. Therefore when Countrywide purchased the property, it had no notice that a code enforcement case was pending against the property. According to Section 162.07, Florida Statutes, if a certified copy of an order is recorded in the public records, the order constitutes notice to subsequent purchasers and the findings therein are binding on subsequent purchasers. Since Countrywide took title to the property without notice of the code enforcement case, Countrywide is not responsible for any fines that accrued prior to its ownership.

With respect to any fines that accrued during Countrywide's ownership, according to section 162.05(5), Florida Statutes, if the property is transferred between the time the initial pleading was filed and the time of the hearing, the original owner is required to disclose the existence of the code enforcement case to the new owner. If the new owner does not receive such disclosure, the statute requires the County to provide the new owner time to correct the violation before the hearing is held. Countrywide first received notice of the code enforcement proceeding on March 6, 2008 in the form of a letter. That letter informed Countrywide that a hearing will be held on April 17, 2008. The letter also informed Countrywide that at this hearing, the County planned to request that a lien be imposed in the amount of \$10,350.00. The \$10,350.00 amount included fines that accrued while the previous owner held title and fines that accrued during Countrywide's ownership.

It is unclear whether this letter satisfies the due process requirements of Florida Statutes, Chapter 162. Arguably, since Countrywide received the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order with the letter, the letter served as reasonable notice. However, since Countrywide took title without notice and after the initial hearing where the fine was determined, it is unclear whether the requirements of the statute were

satisfied. Under the County's modified current procedure, if there is a change in ownership before the lien has been imposed, the County starts a new case against the new owner. Therefore, under the current procedure, the County would start a new case against Countrywide. Since Countrywide brought the property into compliance shortly after receiving the March 6, 2008 letter, I recommend the County apply the basic principles of the modified procedure and release the lien against this property. Please contact me if you have further questions.

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## RELEASE OF LIEN AS TO PARTICULAR PARCEL

THIS instrument disclaims and releases the lien imposed by the Order Finding Non-Compliance and Imposing Fine/Lien, issued by the Seminole County Code Enforcement Board in Case No. 08-08-CEB, filed against COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS & NANCY FOY, and filed by and on behalf of Seminole County, on April 17, 2008, and recorded in Official Records Book 06979, Pages 0492 - 493, of the Public Records of Seminole County, Florida, against the following described real property:

## LEG LOT 26 BLK A COACH LIGHT ESTATES PB 21 PGS 30 & 31

The undersigned is authorized to and does hereby disclaim and release the lien as to the whole of the above-described real property, and consents that the same be discharged of record.

	<b>DATED</b> this	_ day of	, 2009.
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